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Beautiful 'New' Springfield Library Is A Tribute To Residents Of The Community

A dream came true for many New Community families on Friday, September 15, 1989 when the Springfield branch of the Newark Public Library reopened its doors at 50 Hayes Street.

It looks like a brand new building — and it's beautiful.

For the past three years the branch was housed in a single room in the basement of Newton Street School, where Mr. Lewis Graves, who has been the branch librarian for 40 years, tried to continue the services to the community while the fate of the old building was decided. It was uncertain at first whether the Springfield Library would remain or be closed forever. It had served the community since 1923.

The handsome building we recently toured is a shining example of the New Community philosophy of self-determination — people having control over their own destinies; it was the dogged determination of the people in the community, who knew the

value of this branch to their children and themselves, which saved the building, said Graves.

He proudly pointed out that all the books on the ground floor are brand new, and run the gamut from children's books to mysteries, cookbooks, books on health and even the classics in the Spanish language. The building was alive with activity and older students were using the reading cubicles provided for quiet study and projects as we walked through.

Sending light down to the ground floor was a huge two story atrium with a skylight above. Mr. Graves, who now manages the branch, and other staff members now enjoy offices on the second floor where there is also an area for community groups to meet, complete with chairs and lectern. He encouraged people to use it. (I can picture a book study group there.) A new stairway has been installed and an elevator for seniors

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Monsignor William Linder, Pastor of St. Rose Parish, congratulates Dr. Alex Boyd, Director of Newark Public Library, and Lewis Graves, Branch Manager, on their efforts to bring the library back to life again for neighborhood residents.

Introducing Our Harmony House Staff

Much time has been spent this summer creating a harmonious working staff for our transitional homeless family program at Harmony House. The care taken will ensure optimum services to the 102 families who will find themselves under our roof and give them the best possible opportunity

Education from Queens College of the City University of New York, and attended New York University's Graduate School of Business.

Sister is thrilled to be involved in the inception of Harmony House using her managerial skills to ensure a quality living environment during a

It is her belief that all residents of Harmony House be treated with the utmost respect and dignity and challenged to become productive members of society once again.

Ms. Marcelia L. Keene, Business Manager, brings seven years of office and fiscal management experience to her position.

She received her baccalaureate degree in management from Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey.

Ms. Keene's major responsibility is to assure the fiscal soundness of Harmony House. She has already begun to account for the dollars and cents.

Sister Juanita Hall, Youth Pro-

gram Coordinator, has enjoyed a diverse clinical background in working with multi-cultural families and at risk youth.

Sister Juanita has studied at Sacred Heart and Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies. She received her baccalaureate degree in social work and her masters of social work in mental health, youth and family from Adelphi University in Long Island, New York.

Sister Juanita's desire is to provide positive educational and recreational experiences to the youth of Harmony House. She believes that every child

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Meeting at St. Joseph's Plaza along with Administrator Jeanette Paige-Hawkins (center), left to right are Sr. Juanita Hall, June Rodriguez, Sr. Ethel Fusaro and Marcelia Keene. Missing is Mishon Kemp.

ty to re-enter the mainstream of life in a dignified manner.

Let me introduce them to you.

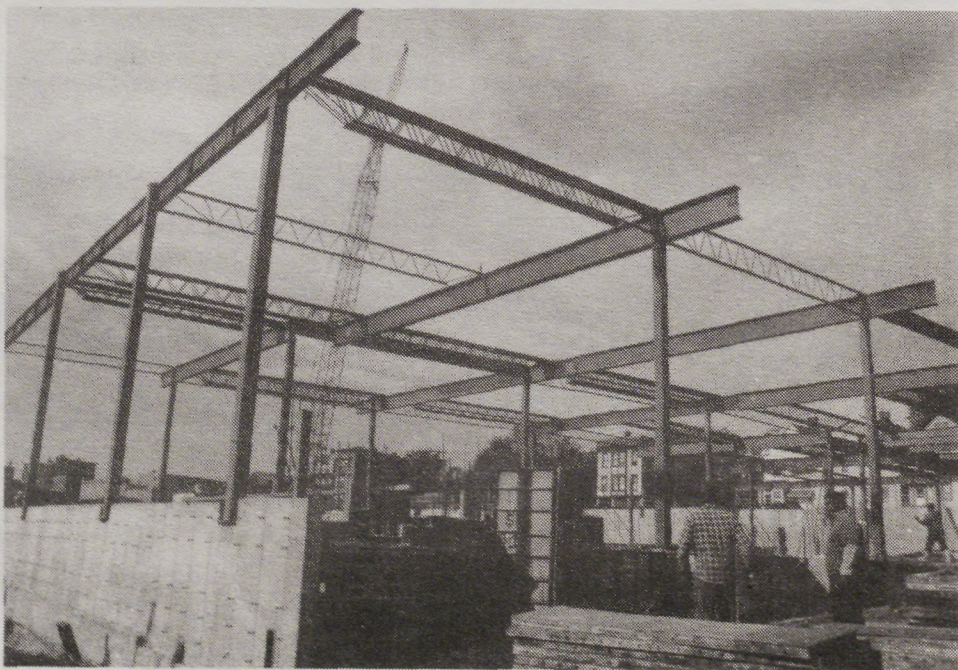
Sister Ethel Fusaro, Assistant Administrator for Operations, brings to her position fourteen years of management experience — twelve years in a Corporate environment and two years in a Church organization.

She received her Baccalaureate Degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, her Masters in

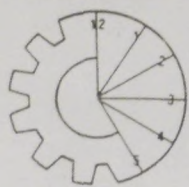
time of transition for homeless families.

Ms. June A. Rodriguez, Assistant Administrator of Client Services, has had 15 years of direct services with multi-problem adolescents and their families, and 5 years of administrative experience in the field of social services. She received her baccalaureate degree in social work from Kean College and her master of social work in administration from Fordham University.

Pathmark Rising Up!



Our shopping center is well underway. The foundation and steel are taking shape. Shortly, the contour of the building will be complete.



NCC Employment Center

It's More Than Just A Job

When Ms. Virginia Kingsnorth and her people at Adhesives Specialities in Union select a new employee, they are trying to find someone who will be reliable, who is willing to work and who will care about the job. And the job is exacting and requires an understanding of gross, net and tare weights and a lot of common sense.

Last April, when Reggie Little was looking for a new position, a friend of his who had gotten a job through NCC Employment Center suggested that he contact us. He had done work that was very exacting and had more than a year's experience as a lift truck operator in a factory warehouse before that company moved from the area.

Reggie impressed our employment counselor with his intelligence and sincerity. He had good math skills and passed a brief gross-net-tare test we prepared. We made an appointment for him at Adhesives Specialities, gave him a letter of introduction and sent him to the interview. He was hired and he started work the next day!

Now when we talk to Ms. Kingsnorth she says, "Send us another person like Reggie." She goes on to say, "We are very happy to have him here. He is very conscientious and is interested in the company and to see that things are done right. We never have to worry about whether he will be here — and be here on time. He cares about the job." Reggie has already made a memorable record for himself — and for us. And his grandmother is proud of his accomplishments too. She is Mrs. Annie Little, resident of New Community Associates.

Reggie has an interesting job. He's a batch maker. Using a batch sheet, which is a recipe, he pumps a certain number of gallons of each of the liquid ingredients for the particular

adhesive he is making into a large mixing tank using hoses and meters. And using a forklift, pallet and scale he loads in the dry materials. After mixing, a sample of the finished batch is checked for viscosity and adjusted if necessary and the adhesive is drained from the tank into barrels or 3000 pound totes. Reggie modestly says, "Anyone could do it."

Like many of the people we work with the NCC Employment Center, Reggie is working while going to school. Three nights a week he goes directly from work to Sawyer's Business School in Elizabeth. So his work with Adhesive Specialities is more than just a job to him.

If you are really anxious to work, whether you have a great deal of work experience or not, call NCC Employment Center at 643-4930 and ask for an appointment.

If you are an employer seeking employment candidates to match your particular needs, whether with much more experience than Reggie or much less, call us at New Community Employment Center, 643-4930, and tell us your requirements. The more specific your description, the better we will be able to screen our applicants to find a job candidate to suit you.

John Bins

Leadership Development Institute Begins Third Session

The New Community/Babyland/St. Rose of Lima Parish Network is happy to announce that the third basic session of its Leadership Development Institute will begin on September 28 and run for eight consecutive Thursday evenings.

This season's Institute has a new look in terms of issues to be addressed. These include: "Qualities of Leadership"; "Self-Pride/Neighborhood Pride"; "Grassroots Leadership"; "NC History, Philosophy and Goals"; "Newark Today"; "Political Involvement"; and "NC Future Projects." Each will be discussed by a different network member.

We are thrilled that Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., former NC Director of Operations, now principal of Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, NJ will be with us once again, presenting the Communications Skills segment

St. Rose Of Lima School: Still Growing

Saint Rose Elementary School is celebrating the approach of its landmark of one hundred years of operation with an unprecedented surge of growth.

From the filled-to-capacity Kindergarten through the other eight grades, Saint Rose is bursting at the seams. A second, first, second, and third grades have been added to accommodate the influx of newcomers. Standing by is a waiting list of students, eager to fill the desk of the first withdrawal. At Saint Rose School's last roll call, 337 students responded!

Such growth is no accident. In the last three years, Saint Rose has arranged for ongoing programs of teacher updating and development,

added new teachers, new programs, new equipment, and new approaches to the sharing of responsibility and knowledge with parents. The life-restoring surge of these changes has not gone unnoticed. The Newark Boys and Girls Club, having chosen deserving students in the city with academic potential, sought out only the best private schools in the area with which to entrust these scholarship students. Saint Rose has become one of their chief target schools.

On September 5, 1989, Saint Rose opened its ever vibrant school to another new generation of Newark youth, offering them one hundred years of promises fulfilled.

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Pre-Kindergarten Pilot For Babyland II

Babyland II Center located at St. Rose of Lima School on Orange Street, Newark was expanded this September to three times its original size in order to accommodate a new program called the Urban Pre-Kindergarten Pilot (UPP) program.

The UPP program is a brainchild of the New Jersey Department of Education and Department of Human Services. Three cities in the state were awarded grants — Jersey City, East Orange and Newark. The local Board of Education runs the program in Jersey City and the Head Start Council runs the one in East Orange.

The Newark grant is unique in that it was awarded to a consortium of four independent agencies, namely, the Newark Pre-School Council, the Newark Board of Education, the Leaguers, Inc. (A Head Start agency) and Babyland Nursery.

The Newark Pre-School Council and the Board of Education each have two classes while the Leaguers and Babyland each have four classes.

of each session.

We are anticipating a record enrollment for the Fall Session. Word is spreading about the relevance, quality and value of this important program, and more and more network members are deciding to "go for it." An even more convincing proof of its excellence is the number of graduates who are pleading to return, if only for a visit!

This is a program whose time has come, and which deserves your support and affirmation.

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett

Each class has a maximum of fifteen 3 years olds from low-income families. It is completely free.

A certified teacher and an assistant take care of each class. These are full day classes with extended hours for children whose parents are working. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks are served daily. Supportive health services are provided. A full-time social worker will work with parents to involve them in the learning process of their children.

This program is slated to run for three years. An educational testing service will follow these children through their early grades to determine the results of this program.

Preparing For The Future

115 Children at Babyland I
35 Children at Babyland II
60 Children at Babyland II
180 Children at Babyland III
12 Children at Babyland IV
55 Children at Babyland V
457 Children in Babyland's Caring Hands

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

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- Helping you put your best foot forward.

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Summer Employment Benefits All

During the months of July and August the NCC St. Joseph Plaza Office enjoyed the helpful hands of Summer Youth Employment Program participant Lynette Price. The program benefited both the staff and the participant. While the staff benefited from an extra pair of hands in the office; the participant received work experience in filing, data entry, invoice coding, use of copying machine, answering telephones and other general office duties. On her last day

Lynette Price

of work the staff gave Lynette a party to thank her for her help.

We would also like to thank Tamara Woodson, a participant who was unable to complete the program. We wish them both a good school year and a successful future.

Springfield Branch Library Has New Look...



Mayor Sharpe James cuts ribbon for re-opening of the library aided by dignitaries present for the occasion.

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and handicapped persons.

Just three years ago, the roof leaked, the boiler failed and those who entered in were concerned that a valuable tool of learning would disappear. In this urban area where the cycle of poverty will only be broken by educational opportunities such as those provided by this library, the closing of this resource would have been "a travesty," said Graves. (The latest U.S. Census figures put 34 percent of the residents of Newark over age 25 in the ranks of the functionally illiterate.)

But the people in the community wouldn't let it happen. They fought

conditioning unit whose color-painted exposed round ductwork give the building a high tech look. It is a proud addition to the revitalized neighborhood, and will remain open six days a week to serve them, providing a source for books and reference information.

Family programs are also held at the branch including films and puppet shows, and health programs will be held there.

When the building was opened in 1923 it served as a catalyst for the stabilization and development of an ethnically diverse community of Germans, Hungarians, Italians and others, with many foreign language

Staff For Harmony House...

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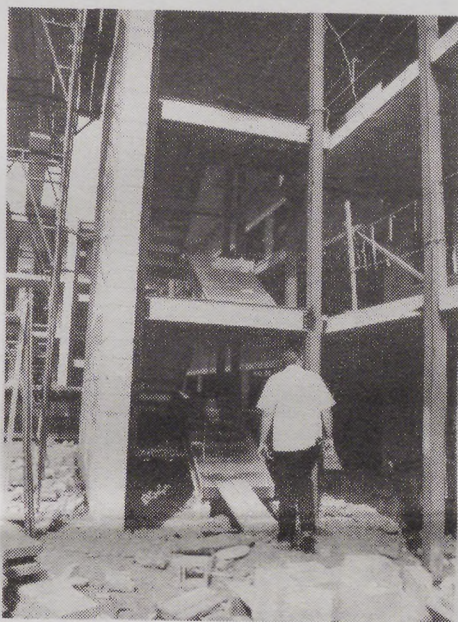
has a right to a joyful childhood.

Ms. Mishon D. Kemp, Secretary, comes to Harmony House with seven years of secretarial experience. She is an American Business Institute graduate. Ms. Kemp also attended Essex County college, where she will be returning this Fall to obtain an associate degree in business.

The new secretary enjoys working with people and has a deep concern for the needs of others. Her love and compassion for her fellowmen is what brought her to NCC Harmony House.

She is very proud and happy to be a part of this much needed program. Ms. Kemp will be responsible for all the secretarial functions of Harmony House.

Jeanette Paige-Hawkins
Harmony House Administrator



Stairway under construction.



View shows balcony effect of housing.



Stones are sorted and carried to continue work on roof.



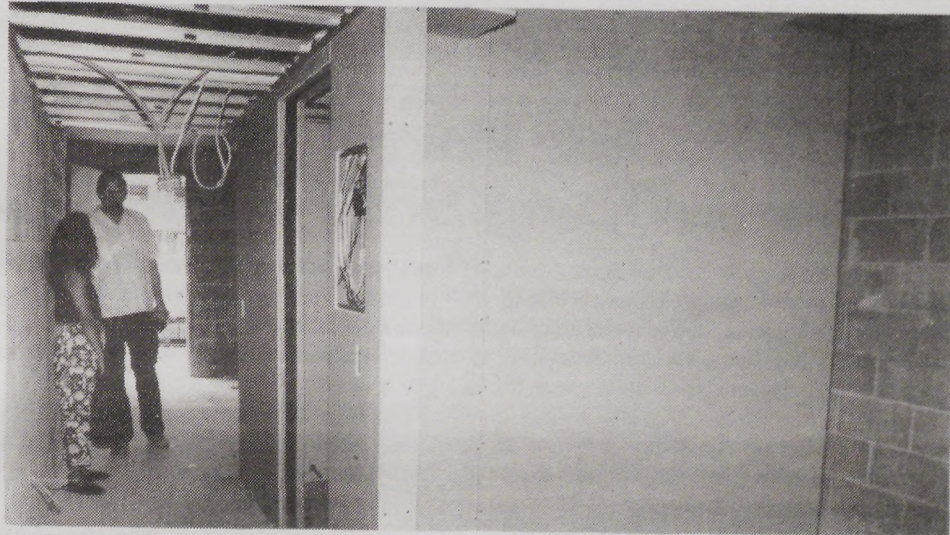
New library entrance is now surrounded by landscaped gardens.

"tooth and nail" to reverse the neglect which had endangered the facility, and have it remain — and they won. It is the first in an eleven branch revitalization project.

Today the Springfield branch enjoys a beautiful new garden entrance with ivy and pachysandra ground cover surrounded by rhododendrons and other fine shrubs and a tall wrought iron fence enclosing it. It boasts a new gas-fired heating and air

books available. Today it also offers books which will create pride in the ethnic heritage of neighborhood residents. It contains as well books designed to stir the dreams and raise the aspirations of youth.

A well read person has the door of opportunity to a stable, satisfying future opened for him or her, and opening the door of the Springfield branch of the Newark Public Library will start you on your way.



Wallboard is partially completed in interior.



The courtyard work is underway.

Gospel Music Concert Enjoyed At Extended Care Facility

The third annual Summer Concert of Inspirational and Gospel Music at the New Community Extended Care Facility was attended by 76 residents plus staff, family members and friends. Mrs. Gloria McMillan, ECF Acting Assistant Administrator, welcomed everyone and introduced the guest performers.

The Newark Bethany Baptist Church Children's Choir was a special treat, under the direction of Mr. Jamal Barnes. Their beautiful,

all to enjoy.

In-house talent included ECF Director of Activities, Mr. Ron Burgess, singing solo and also with Misses Lynn Elder and Adrean Fitzpatrick from the Finance Department. Their soulful, spirited singing had hands clapping and heads nodding.

Our Summer Concert would not be complete without two very talented soloists and duo — Mrs. Emily Ross and Mr. Curtis Watkins from St. Rose of Lima Church, Newark. The fine



Mr. Jamal Barnes, Director of Bethany Baptist Youth Choir leads the children while singing to the elderly.

youthful voices touched hearts and brought smiles to many faces. Mrs. Evelyn Rudder, also of Bethany, shared her lovely voice in two selections.

From Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Newark, Mrs. Mary Genthon accompanied Mr. Daniel Drew whose fine voice soared and lifted spirits with its beauty. Miss Mary Zahne of St. Paul's Church, Clifton, sang two selections; she has a light, beautiful voice — a nice contrast for

quality and range of their exceptional voices were familiar and welcome sounds. Their continued support and generous sharing of talent gift our residents on many occasions.

Sister Consuela Scott, ECF Chaplain, expressed the appreciation and gratitude of the administration, staff, residents and guests, commending the guest performers on a very fine and uplifting program of gospel and inspirational music.

Black Tie Dinner Nears

New Community Extended Care will be hosting its annual Black Tie Dinner on October 21, 1989. This function will start at 5:30 p.m. There will be a small fee of \$10.00. The menu will be prepared and served by our magnificent dietary staff under the direction of Mrs. Donna Allen.

The entertainment will be provided by Warren Alston and friends. We are asking all those NCC employees or relatives of ECF residents who are interested in attending to please contact Mr. Ron Burgess (Director of Activities) at 624-2020.

Extended Care Facility Housekeeping Staff Honored

On September 14, 1989 there was a luncheon held for the Housekeeping Staff at the Extended Care Facility to celebrate National Housekeeping Week (September 10-16).

During this event, ECF Director of Environmental Services Betty Gar-

butt presented the entire Housekeeping staff with engraved pins saying "Commitment to Excellence" for their cooperation and fine work over the year.

The staff responded to this with their own presentation to her of a dozen red roses.



The Housekeeping Staff was acknowledged this month for the vital service they render the residents of New Community Extended Care Facility.

Circle Line Trip Brings Excitement To Residents

On August 30, 1989, the excited residents of New Community Extended Care Facility took a boat tour around Manhattan on the Circle Line. As we left the building to board the bus to New York City, one could see a line full of smiles. Many of the residents were going to ride on a boat for the first time.

After arriving at the pier one could see a look of curiosity engraved on the faces of many. Some residents were overwhelmed by the beautiful Circle cruise liner.

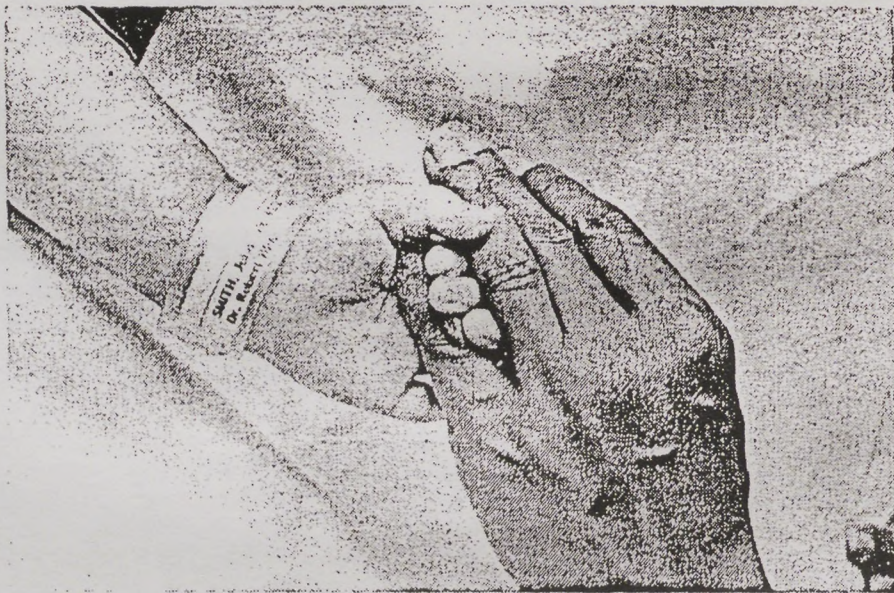
After eating and drinking to their hearts' content, many enjoyed the cool breeze and fell asleep, while others re-familiarized themselves with the beautiful sights of New York.

As we departed the Circle Line for home one of the residents shouted, "Can we do this again?" They seemed to get a great deal of pleasure from the experience. The entire day of excitement was video-taped by Mr. John Jones (an employee of Extended Care).



It was a beautiful day and the elderly residents relaxed on deck to enjoy the sites offered by the Circle Line Tour of Manhattan.

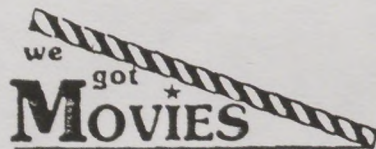
KIDS HAVE AIDS, TOO



Children with AIDS are special people with many special needs, and they need our help NOW! If you rent movies, you can help. From now until the end of the year, WE GOT MOVIES will donate 1% of our rental revenues to two community programs that care for AIDS babies — the Children's Hospital AIDS Program and Babyland Nursery.

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672-3707

974 Springfield Ave.
Irvington
375-9001

980 Shrewsbury Ave.
(Inside Brick Church)
Tinton Falls
542-8039

don't leave the children on their own

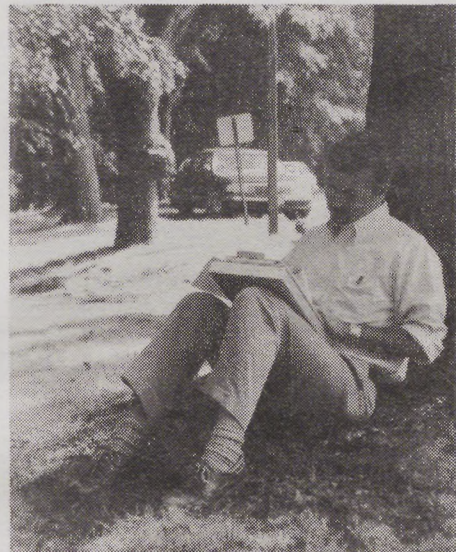
Photo courtesy of Dwight Carter Studio

Retreat Day For New Community Network

*"We are called - we are to be salt and light for others
We are dreamers and prophets
We are unified in our diversification
We are accepting and reaching out.
We are the people of God -
covenanted, pilgrims, searching."*

On Friday, September 8th, New Community, Babyland, St. Rose Network, Board Members, Executive Team, Directors, and Supervisors traveled to Mount Saint Dominic Motherhouse grounds in Caldwell. It was a day set aside from the demands of everyday operations to be refreshed in body, mind and soul.

And refreshing it was. The sky was blue, the air cool and dry. There were



Joe Picardi ponders quietly under a tree.

spacious grounds for walking, and a majestic newly renovated chapel, with all its simplicity that echoed, "Jesus is Lord."

Here, Mrs. Catherine M. Keevey, from the Third Age Center of Fordham University called us to pray, ponder, share and renew. Once again we reflected on the Glory of New Community story, the Power of New Community story and the Re-shaping of New Community story. Where are we trying to go together?

What do we intend to create together?

What difference will we make together?

Scripture references were used to focus reflection on the New Com-

munity philosophy, goals and objectives. Faith and works, love of neighbor, acceptance and reaching out were subjects of discussion. To point out objectives readings touched on unity and variety, the way of love, the beatitudes and finally the challenge issued by the similes of salt and light of the earth.

Reactions were positive among those attending.

For Sister Noel it was "a really good integration of scripture with the goals and policies of N.C.C. They support or complement one another. The experience was not just a few hours experience, but it has carried over."

Larry Goldston of the development department found it a "nice day for all of NCC staff to get together and discuss our goals and philosophy." It was the first retreat he had made, and he called it "insightful in terms of the founding board members ideas as they looked back 20 years and then to the future. The setting was ideal — really nice," he said.

"It was a wonderful opportunity NCC gave to us," said Sr. Anne Quirk, manager at Douglass-Harrison. "It gave us a chance to get away from the business of our work and reflect on our philosophy. Mrs. Keevey was excellent. She made us think, comment. She encouraged our



Sitting peacefully on a bench, Diane Ryales and Dorothy Douge take time to reflect.

participation. I think our sharing that day with the other staff members was an experience away from the business world into a more spiritual and reflective one." Sister would love to have it repeated.

Finance department's Bal Doshi used glowing terms to describe the day, calling it "very impressive, inspiring and thought provoking. It was good for staff and management to be there together and exchange thoughts," he reflected. "The discussions were very frank and helped all those present. It was very good."

When New Community began over 20 years ago it envisioned a dream — of self-determination and dignity for people of limited means...and much has been done to bring that dream to reality. The contemplation of that dream struck a chord with Joe Picardi of the home health care department who said thoughtfully, "The dream! I found myself reflecting in terms that I hadn't considered in a long time. The role that NCC plays here in Newark and the role that we play within NCC must be seen in relation to the dream. The dream of the prophet and the poet!"

The day provided time for all present to look back on "the dream" of New Community and dream even more of its future...and their role in it as people of God.



Catherine M. Keevey takes time out to spend a few minutes with Larry Goldston and Bal Doshi during the retreat which she led.

Clarion Photo Lab In Operation

Tucked away in St. Joseph Plaza there now exists our very own photo lab, thanks to the persistence of Patricia Racioppi (Tricia), our new photographer.

New Community has always had a lab available, but never on our own premises. When the department was first begun by Dick Koles, Don Davidson of New Jersey News Photos graciously gave his friend Dick carte blanche with the News Photos lab while he was with us, and we were able to get off to a wonderful start with the Clarion as a result. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Don for his many years of invaluable support.

When Dick retired from photo making our subsequent employees also had labs available to them, but it was always a dream to have one in house...and now we do.

Handy and Boesser developing labs in Newark did a fine job of developing and printing for us during a period when we did **not** have a lab available and always "got us to the printer" on time — even when there were hectic last minute events going on. Although the Clarion is a monthly paper, print-time always makes it seem like a daily, for we try to give our readers any "good news" as soon

as it happens, which means juggling our schedule at times. George Suter and Ron Rossi at Handy and Boesser run a "tight ship" and we would recommend their professional services to anyone. They helped get Tricia off to a good start. Now she has our lab all set up and working which will better address our photographic services all around.

Tricia is one of a growing number of young people who are coming into the New Community family...people who care about the poor and the elderly and also about inner city youth. She has quickly captured the emotions and character of the people in many of the pictures she has taken since coming with us in June, after her graduation from Lynchburg College in Virginia.

While at Lynchburg she was photo editor of the college yearbook and enjoyed seeing her photographic work published by many campus groups. Sports photography was a favorite. She received an award from the Department of Art for Studio Art Achievement in Photography. Her internship as a photo journalist was for The News and Daily Advance in Lynchburg where she not only saw her photos published by the local paper

but had the satisfaction of seeing two of them sent to the Associated Press.

Her BA in art emphasized graphic design and visual concepts, which will come in very handy for things such as brochures for The Priory, the Spa, Harmony House, Battered Women's Shelter, Babyland and the

new commercial venture with Pathmark; New Community is like the news — it never stops unfolding — and she will be kept busy using all her talents.

We welcome her and wish her well in her work with New Community.



Clarion photographer Tricia Racioppi enjoys the convenience of her new lab at St. Joseph's Plaza.

Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

Security Officer Richard Walker Jr., a two year veteran of the New Community Security Department was selected "Officer of the Month" for September, 1989. Officer Walker is presently detailed to the 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. tour of duty at the construction site of the planned NCC/Pathmark shopping center and mini mall, located at Bergen Street and South Orange Avenue.

Walker, known as a no nonsense Security Officer has never been late and has maintained an excellent attendance record to date. In addition to his attendance, he was selected because of his loyalty and dedication to duty for which he was cited recently.

A native of Imporia, Virginia, Walker was a civilian employee for the Fort Lee, Virginia, Army facility. He passed an examination and was sent to school to learn how to cook and later became the base chef. After serving four years with the army he moved north where he was employed by Bergen Pines Hospital



Gwendolyn Grier and Leonard Thompson present Richard Walker with his award.

in Paramus, New Jersey, as a dietary supervisor. Being a Newark resident he had to take three separate buses in order to get to work each morning. After four years of commuting this way he decided on a change to a job closer to home.

Having met some of the members of the New Community Security Department, Officer Walker expressed an interest in it and the advice of a friend convinced him he wanted to join.

Both Director of Security Jim DuBose and Assistant Director Errol Adams count him among their most cooperative and reliable members of NCC Security. Walker was presented with a plaque from the New Community Corporation Security Department and the Katzin Uniform Company of Newark for his achievement. Congratulations!

Service Training Agenda

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 20th and 21st, Detective Derrick Holloway of the Newark Police Department Crime Prevention Unit presented NPD's Anti-Car Theft program for members of the NCC Security Department. The presentation was part of the ongoing inservice training agenda held for New Community Security Officers, one in which various representatives of law enforcement are requested to participate by presenting their areas of expertise.

The purpose of having sessions for two days was to enable everyone to attend. Detective Holloway's lecture was designed to bring about an awareness of how autos are stolen and the different methods to combat the problem of car theft.

As part of his presentation Detective Holloway showed the group a two part display case. One side was mounted with the different types of theft devices used by criminals; the other side was mounted with the latest anti-theft devices presently in

use by car owners. A demonstration was given on the latest and most popular anti-theft device called the "club" which is a device that fits the steering wheel, preventing it from turning, and has a self-contained locking mechanism.

After a question and answer period, each session was concluded with a drawing held by Detective Holloway for the purpose of raffling off "club" anti-theft devices, three during the session held on Wednesday and four the following day. Winners on the first day were Security Officers Earl Allah, James Francis and Harriet Price. The lucky participants on the second day were Sergeant John Jackson, Security Officers Eric McCain and Momnohin Georges and Staff Assistant Gwendolyn Grier.

Detective Holloway, who is also the current President of the Bronze

Shields Inc., a non-profit organization of Black Police Officers of the Newark Police Department, stated that being a Newark resident himself he can readily identify with the fear of auto theft. Also, because it is a known fact that Newark has the dubious distinction of being number one in the na-

tion for cities its size in car thefts, he therefore enjoys lecturing the citizens in how to protect themselves against it.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed his presentation, backing it up with a resounding round of applause at the end of his lecture.



Detective Derrick Holloway (center) displays anti-theft devices to (from left to right) Barbara Washington, Sargeant DeJesus, Assistant Director Errol Adams, and Ethel Clayton.

Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBose

1865 – Juneteenth Day: Joy, Hope And Pride

People from Texas celebrate a holiday called "Juneteenth" on June 19th every year. What are they celebrating? Let's go back in history to slavery days and find out...

Every day life on a cotton plantation was hard for slaves. They worked from morning until night, and they were beaten if they didn't work hard enough. If you were a child "born in slavery," you would have to go to work as soon as you were big and strong enough. Your family might be broken up if the plantation owner sold your mother, father, sister or brother to another slave owner.

If you had lived as a slave in those days, how do you think you would feel to learn that you had been set free? Would you be joyful for your freedom and hopeful of your future? How would you celebrate? The celebration of freedom is what Juneteenth is all about. Juneteenth or June 19th marks the date that many slaves in the state of Texas learned they were free.

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation affecting slaves in the states fighting against the North (or the Union) took effect on January 1, 1863. However, this proclamation did not automatically free all the slaves. Some plantation owners had to be forced to give up

their slaves long after the Civil War was over. After all, if the slaves were freed, who would do the work on the plantation?

Texas was a long way from Washington, D.C. where the president lived and plantation owners in Texas tried to keep the slaves from finding out they were free for as long as possible.

When troops from the North finally reached Texas in June 1865, one of the first things General Gordon Granger of the Union Army did was issue a general order freeing all the slaves in Texas. This was more than two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

As the news spread throughout Texas, celebrations were held. Festive food like roast hog and steers were prepared, music was played, and people danced joyously. Games were played and stories told.

Since then, Juneteenth has been celebrated in Texas, where it is a state holiday, and elsewhere as people moved to other parts of the country and the world. Over the years, Juneteenth has become not only a celebration of freedom, but also a time to remind all people of African descent of the struggle for human rights.

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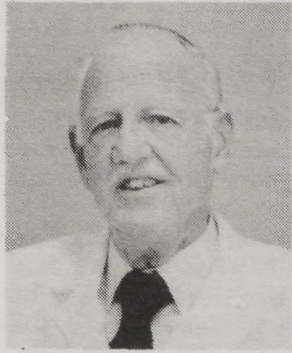
Notes From Babyland: TV Twists

Recently I attended a lecture at the University (UMDNJ) by a Psychiatrist. The subject was 'television.' It really was an eye-opener.

Children spend more time watching T.V. than they spend in school or sleeping combined. He showed random tapes taken between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. It showed violence with no remorse, suggestive sexual scenes in singing and dancing, street language and much about drugs, the pattern of which might suggest the risk of peddling drugs, but Oh!, the financial gain. Why work at McDonald's for four dollars an hour when you can get several thousand a week in the drug scene. Money is the theme and the Ego trip.

Senator Lautenberg tried to get a bill passed in Congress to get 15 minutes of educational film on T.V. It was knocked down by the vested interest groups. However, I doubt if the teenagers would bother watching it. There is a new culture being created. The values that we were raised on have been ignored.

The children get to feel that what



Dr. Paul
Kearney

is visible on T.V. is what really exists in society, so it presents a norm of wrong. To complete the irony, there is such a heavy commercialism that the children ask for (demand) cereals and junk food by name because they are so repetitively shown on the T.V. screen. So here we are back with another problem for the parent or parents.

From one point it is nice to have the children home watching T.V. At least they are not out on the street. However it would be reasonable to monitor what they are viewing and advise and guide them as to values.

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Medical Director
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

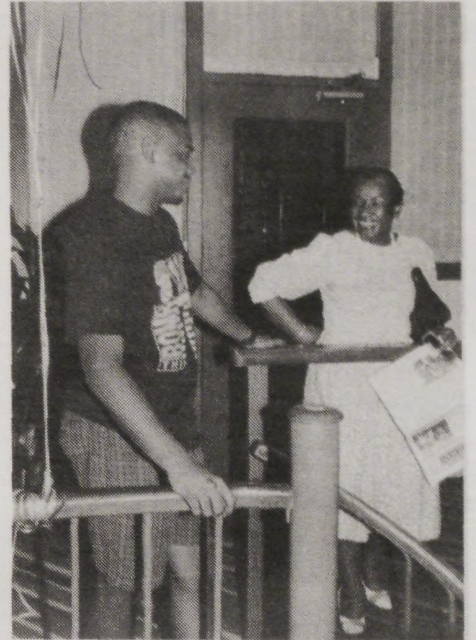
Spa Gains 180+ New Members

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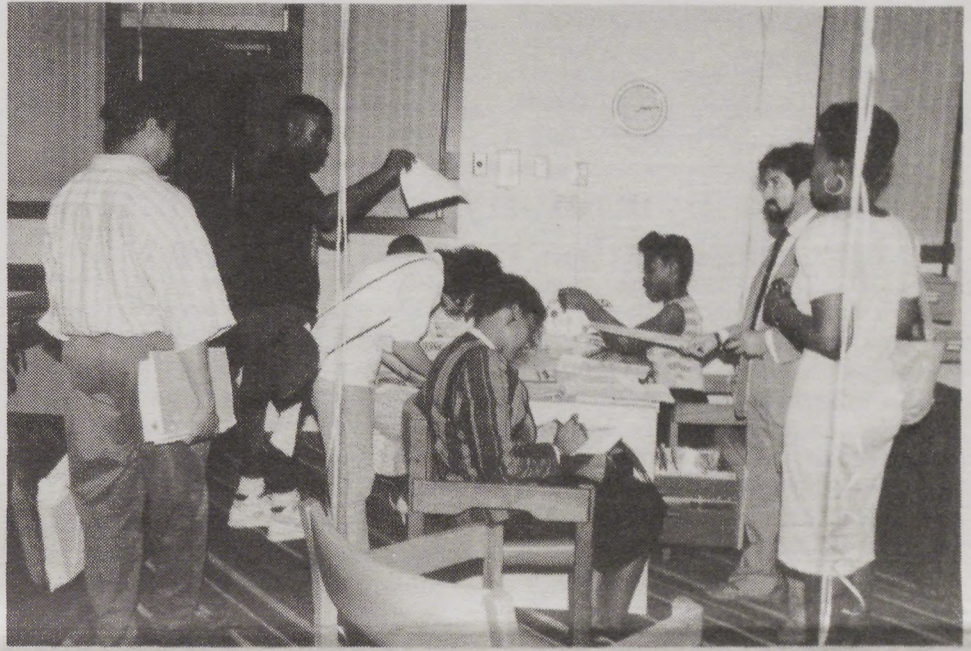
One look in the Spa can show not only our increased sales but the increase of smiles from our pleased members.

The staff worked extremely hard on our one day sale which brought in so many members. Ursula Berry, Tammy Dailey, Clarence McMillian, Kareem Terry and myself were weary of signing up new members. The sale was designed to re-sign past members and create a host of new members.

As manager I would like to give praise to the Creator and thank the staff of New Beginnings Spa, Marvin Cummings (Maint.) and Abraham Amore (Sandwich Shop) for their help during our one day sale.



Signs of a successful sign up day.



Senior Input Appreciated

The Essex County Department of Citizen Services/Division on Aging held two public hearings in September as part of its annual planning process. These hearings gave interested citizens, agency representatives, and municipal officials an opportunity to express their concerns and opinions regarding older adult programs and services throughout Essex County.



Arthur Lipscomb gives his views.

On Thursday, September 21, the group enjoyed New Community hospitality and the accommodations of the Executive Conference Room at St. Joseph Plaza.

Arthur Lipscomb of NC Associates, 180 South Orange Avenue, NC Older American King for 1989 was King for the Day as he presented his testimony. "King Arthur" spoke of needs seniors have: for assistance in procuring the Lifecall System, so helpful in case of emergency; for reduced transportation rates before 9:30 a.m.; for different criteria for the Lifeline Program, which would enable more couples to qualify; and for I.D. cards for Seniors listing all the medications they are taking.

The Essex County Division on Aging is responsible for planning, development and coordination of services relating to the 140,000 older adults in Essex County. The Division on Aging determines the priority needs and budget allocation for the coming year based on county-wide, locally sponsored planning meetings and the testimony offered at the public hearings.

Surplus Food Distribution A Challenge

One hot day last summer — August 10, to be exact — several groups of New Community people who rise to any occasion with consistent excellence, had yet another opportunity to do so, with distinction.

Social Services was notified that the Share Program had surplus U.S. Government food available for N.C. tenants. Every household would be eligible to receive corn meal, flour, butter, honey, peanut butter and canned pork and beans. Immediately plans were made for distribution at each of the six seniors buildings, NC Douglass-Harrison, and three sites in the Families Complexes.

The next level of response came from groups of people who were willing to help with distribution at each of the chosen sites. People helping people was the name of this game, or neighbors looking out for neighbors' welfare. To a person, these volunteers were organized, efficient, enthusiastic, and pleasant.

Our third group had the most difficult job — most difficult as in back-breaking. Bob West and his able crew are used to difficult. Three thousand units at seventeen pounds a unit, destined for ten separate sites is more than difficult! Add to that the



Bob West's crew from maintenance comes through again.

breakdown of a rental truck which necessitated the introduction of van shuttle service for peanut butter, honey, corn meal, etc. brought that day's work close to being impossible.

Close, but when it comes to service, close doesn't count, so the Social Services staff, our wonderful volunteers, and Bob West and his men will probably be just as responsive the next time the Share Program calls.

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B. McMillan, R.N.

Mama Ida Still Fundraising

Ida Fletcher of NC Douglas, 15 Hill Street has been providing special holiday celebrations for the residents of the NC Extended Care Facility and other Seniors for years. Fundraising for these events is a year-round venture.

Currently, "Mama Ida" as she is known to her friends, is sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas in October to help swell the kitty.

She and the New Jersey Sharks, a

ball club to which she belongs, sponsored a drawing for a free trip. It was held on August 4, and Dorothy Brown of St. Rose Parish won! The lucky ticket was pulled by Mr. Dave Damas.

Mrs. Brown could not believe her good fortune, so "Mama Ida" had to do some fast talking to convince her that she had won the trip. Bon Voyage!

— Cultural Attractions —

Newark Museum Calendar

October 1, Sunday — Family Workshops: Jaws, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Science Program: Desert Designs, 1:30 p.m.; Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee.

October 7, Saturday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee.

October 8, Sunday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Science Program: Desert Designs, 1:30 p.m.; Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee; Film: House on the Waterfall, 3 p.m.

October 11, Wednesday — Arts Workshop Salon Series, 5-6 p.m.

October 14, Saturday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Children's Theater: Singing and Signing, 1:30 p.m.; Science Program: Featured Creatures, 1:30 p.m.; Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee.

October 15, Sunday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Science Program: Desert Designs, 1:30 p.m.;

Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee.

October 18, Wednesday — Arts Workshop Salon Series, 5-6 p.m.; Lecture: Frank Lloyd Wright, by Sandy Brown, South Orange Middle School, 70 N. Ridgewood Rd., 7:30 p.m. Fee.

October 21, Saturday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee.

October 22, Sunday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Science Program: Desert Designs, 1:30 p.m.

October 25, Wednesday — Arts Workshop Salon Series, 5-6 p.m.

October 28, Saturday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Planetarium: Celestial Halloween, 2 & 3 p.m. Fee.

October 29, Sunday — Family Workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Science Program: Desert Designs, 1:30 p.m.

Ballantine House, open to public, Tuesday-Sunday, 12 noon to 4:45 p.m. Public tours will be held on weekends in October at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Newark Symphony Hall Announces First Subscription Season

Newark Symphony Hall will present its first subscription season beginning in October of 1989. The season will feature a dance series on the great stage of the main hall and a theatre festival in the 100 seat, Off Broadway theatre space in the Symphony Hall complex.

"The Best of American Dance," will celebrate the universal appeal of American Dance as presented by three nationally recognized dance companies. The series will begin on October 28, with Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance from Rochester, New York and continue on December 2nd with Gallman's Newark Dance Theatre and January 27 with The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. All performances are on Saturday evenings beginning at 8:30 p.m.

"A subscription season is a very important step in our continued development as an arts center," said Symphony Hall Executive Director Leon Denmark. "The goal of the New Subscription Season is to present works that are distinctly American, modern and accessible."

"Newark's First American Theatre Festival" will present five professional theatre companies from March 9 through April 29, 1990. Crossroads Theatre Company from New Brunswick, NJ, Negro Ensemble Company from New York City, Atlanta's Jomandi and Newark's Ensemble Theatre Company will be featured in the festival. The com-

panies will present performances on Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Subscribers will receive vouchers and can later exchange them for tickets to the performances of their choice.

"We've been very encouraged by the new spirit which has been building at Symphony Hall this year. We've hosted more performances than at any other time in the 1980's and the response has been excellent," added Denmark.

For more information on The New Subscription Season, call the Symphony Hall Box Office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturdays, noon-6 p.m. at (201) 643-8009. Funding for the season has been provided in part by the New Jersey State Council on The Arts/Department of State.

World Habitat Day Is October 2nd

One quarter of the world's population, over one billion people, do not have adequate housing. Out of these, one hundred million people are actually homeless, eating and sleeping along public streets in cities. Yet, hardly enough is being done to address this tragic global problem of homelessness and inadequate shelter.

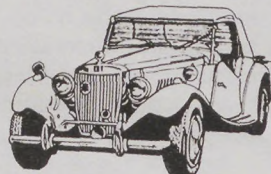
In order to draw attention to these issues, the United Nations General Assembly has designated the first Monday of October each year as World Habitat Day. This year, World Habitat Day falls on 2 October and will be observed in various ways throughout the world with the theme of "Shelter, Health and the Family."

Courtesy of United Nations Center for Human Settlements (Habitat) New York Office

Car Buying Strategy For Everyone: Use New Community Federal Credit Union Loan

Fall is here and it is one of the best times of the year to buy a new car. Dealers are under pressure to sell 1989 model left-overs.

As the car dealers keep telling us, the 1989 model year is over. Any 1989 cars still on the lot have to be moved out soon to make room for the new models, so now is the time to buy. Every year this story is repeated, and yet, as strange as it seems, the story



is basically true. The model year is over, the cars and trucks have to be sold quickly, and now is the time to get a good deal.

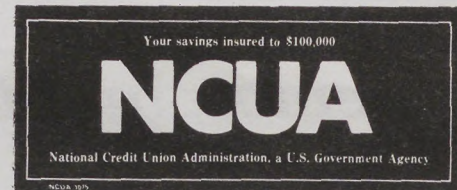
Here now are the things to do before you run out to the showrooms to negotiate on a deal:

1. Come into the Credit Union and fill out an application for a loan, and arrange your financing in advance. This will give you the peace of mind to negotiate for the best deal. Don't be swayed by the ultra-low rates hyped by the car dealers. These so-called special rates do not apply to all models, and they usually have short financing periods — 2 years or less. So

your monthly payments with these "specials" could be quite a shock. You may also be required to make a huge downpayment. But with 100% financing with the New Community Federal Credit Union, you don't have any worries.

2. When you get to the car dealer knowing that your loan has already been approved, you then concentrate on getting the best possible price. Let the dealer know that your loan has been approved. Ask for factory rebates or special promotions if there are any. Be prepared to walk out of the showroom if you do not get the price you want. Believe me, if it is a reasonable offer, the dealer would not let you go. Finally, it is better to shop around, and with your pre-approved New Community Federal Credit Union's loan you are the boss!

So, come to your credit union at St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 West Market Street, Newark, NJ 07103 or call (201) 623-2800. We are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



— Social Security News —

Checks Have Time Limit

The Department of the Treasury, in carrying out a new Federal law, will require all Government checks to be cashed within 12 months of issuance or they will be cancelled, Ms. Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security manager in Newark, said today. Presently, there is no time limit for cashing a U.S. Government check. Government checks issued on or after October 1, 1989, will contain a notation, "VOID AFTER ONE YEAR." This means that a Government check issued on October 1, 1989, will be good until September 30, 1990, after which it will be cancelled by the Treasury Department. Checks issued prior to October 1, 1989, will also be good until September 30, 1990.

A Social Security or supplemental security income (SSI) check which is not cashed after one year of issuance will be cancelled, Ms. Christoff said. The recipient will then be required to go to the Social Security office which authorized the original payment to request a second check. This will mean a delay in receiving payment. However, those who have their checks deposited directly into a financial institution will not be affected by the new law.

There are also time limits for claims on Government checks issued after the effective date of the new law. Any claim on a Social Security or SSI check must be presented to Social Security office within one year from the date of issuance. If there has been a claim of forgery of unauthorized endorsement, the Department of the Treasury will have 18 months from the date a check is paid by Treasury to begin funds recovery action (presently, Treasury has 6 years and

180 days to recover funds).

By significantly reducing the time period for cashing checks, initiating claims against a check, and replacing Government checks, the Federal Government will greatly improve the financial management of its resources, Ms. Christoff said.

While the timeframe in which to cash Government checks is affected, individuals do not lose entitlement to the payment of Social Security or SSI benefits.

The Newark Social Security office is located at 970 Broad Street. The telephone number is 1-800-234-5772.

SSI May Be Able To Help Homeless

Groups and organizations which work with homeless people should be aware that some of these people may qualify for supplemental security income (SSI) payments, Ms. Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security manager in Newark, said today.

Because SSI payments are made to people with little income and few resources, who are age 65 and over, or blind, or disabled, a homeless person may have a good chance of qualifying, Ms. Christoff said. The fact that a person is without a permanent residence indicates the likelihood that the income and resource requirements of the program will be met.

Likewise, more than half of the people who receive SSI are disabled from a physical or mental condition which prevents them from working. Many of the homeless also suffer from some mental or physical disability which interferes with their ability to work.

Because of the difficulty of reaching people who do not have a permanent residence, Social Security relies on groups which serve the needs of the homeless to refer them to apply for SSI benefits.

To find out more about SSI, organizations or individuals should call Social Security, Ms. Christoff said. The Newark Social Security office is located at 970 Broad Street. The office is open 9:00-4:30. The telephone number is 1-800-234-5772.

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FOCUS on FAMILIES

A Shining Example

When NC Gardens Families first opened in 1980, Stephanie Treadwell and her family were among the first to move in. She has seen many changes in Newark over the last nine years; mostly outsiders coming in "bringing the community down." The last straw for her was seeing a stolen car with handicapped tags being taken to a local "chop shop." Indignant, Ms. Treadwell wrote to the Governor about that. The State Attorney General and the State Police have agreed to hear her assessment of crime in our city.

In an effort to "get on the winning side," Ms. Treadwell and nine other women joined the March, 1989 class of fifty at the Newark Police

in Bayonne; Corey, 17, who goes to Essex Catholic High School; and Birdie, 15, who attends St. Vincent's Academy in Newark. Providing her children with a good education is very important to Ms. Treadwell, but financing three good educations these days is no mean feat. However, the police salary makes it easier to accomplish than it used to be.

Ms. Treadwell's former work experience was with the Criminal Justice Investigation Department at the Federal Building, and with Viet Nam Veterans at the VA Hospital. Patients still contact her, probably because she always took great interest in each one, tracking down any program that would be helpful.

Ms. Treadwell and her partner patrol the North District of Newark in a radio car. When police intervention is necessary, they try to see the problem through to its resolution, and to diffuse it if they can, as an alternative to incarceration.

"I really care about what happens here," she says. "My kids are here, other people's kids are here, and seniors who have paid their dues are here. Why shouldn't they have decent lives? No one can do it alone. That's what's so good about the New Community idea. It's important to protect that concept. It gives everyone something to do, and celebrates every positive effort, even if it helps only one person. People do not need to depend on the system. It's important to learn to depend on ourselves. As long as we have breath and life, we can go on, and we can succeed. It's never too late to try to do something," she says.

Apparently Stephanie Treadwell has a good formula for success, and a big part of it is helping others. She is in the process of developing a program which would help protect seniors.

The Treadwells have been active in Queen of Angels Parish in Newark since they moved into New Community. Stephanie belongs to the Little Sunshine Sisters there. They sponsor an adopt-a-grandparent program, reaching out to seniors with cards and phone calls. She also sings in the choir. At this church, "I got so much family, you wouldn't believe," she says. That has to be another part of her formula for a successful and happy life.

Congratulations on your graduation, Stephanie, we wish you well.



Stephanie Treadwell

Academy. They graduated on August 4. The program there was stringent. The cadets studied criminal justice law, crash injury management (including C.P.R.), interrogation techniques, domestic violence, child abuse, and completed a "very, very hard" physical education program.

"The program was so involved and difficult, I felt like quitting many times; however, my kids were monitoring everything I did. If I quit, someday they might start something then think it was okay to quit. I was able to give them the example of good study habits as well. It was only after graduation that people began telling me they didn't think I would make it through such a difficult program," said Stephanie.

The "kids" who "backed (her) up pretty good" are: Charles, 19, who graduated from Marist High School

NC Douglas Gardeners Honored

NC Douglas, 15 Hill Street, in the heart of downtown Newark, right across from City Hall, has a beautiful garden behind it. All summer flowers and vegetables grow there, thanks to the efforts of the beautiful members of its Garden Club.

Some of these people extend themselves beyond their own backyard. Sarah Mayse, Dorothy Curry, Elizabeth Davis, Mary Davis, and Madeline Opacity, along with Rev. Lauvinia Green, of NC Roseville, 1 South Eighth Street, are loyal volunteers in the Rutgers Urban Gardening Program. They were recently honored at its Annual Harvest Banquet on August 31. Without its volunteers the program would not be able to do so much to beautify so many urban areas, grow-

ing fresh vegetables and flowers there at the same time.

Our honorees brought their own cheering section: Catherine Crawford (President of the NC Douglas Tenants' Association), Louise McDuffie, Dorothy McCleage, Ms. Curry's granddaughter and namesake, and Sr. Mary Ellen, Social Services provider at 15 Hill Street attended the banquet as their guests.

As the pleasant evening was drawing to a close, a young boy came to our table collecting soda can tabs to make a bracelet. It was beautiful to hear one of the honored volunteers telling him, "See, it's never too late to achieve something." It certainly wasn't for her, and for so many like her. We are proud of all of them.

The Hill Street Snoop

Black Issues Convention Attended

The 7th Annual Black Issues Convention was shared, by two of New Community's social workers: Mrs. Gloria Chambers, Coordinator for Central Outreach and Referral and Congregate Services and Mrs. Jean Miller Curlin, social worker for Families.

The theme for this year's convention was, "The African American Value System." The program was filled with positive senior news and information.

Upon arrival some 700 persons were greeted, given packets and a continental breakfast. The program agenda began with the morning speaker, Rev. S. Howard Woodson, who elaborated on "How difficult it is to be the first anything." He continued by stating that with courage, determination and hard work, success can be obtained.

Later, workshops were conducted on: Adequate Housing Designed For Seniors, Social Security, Health Issues, Protective Services, Transportation, and Recreational Activities, Mistreatment Law Enforcement, Alzheimer's Disease, Nutrition and Socialization.

During the open luncheon, speakers continued. Essex County's Nicholas

Amato also addressed B.I.C. He pointed to the state's welfare reform program REACH and the federal Catastrophic Illness Legislation. County Executive Amato elaborated on ideas that are failing because they were designed to fight poverty without recognizing the basic needs of those who are impoverished. Amato further emphasized that America needs to recoup its values in order to eliminate hunger, poverty and homelessness.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Delores Tucker focused on older Americans becoming more assertive in their golden years. She stated that seniors must lobby for their rights. They should use their power before they lose their power.

In conclusion, Chairman Donald Tucker, stated his hope that in 30 days seniors would march in Trenton in support of the most significant resolution, urging that the Medical Catastrophic Coverage Act not be repealed.

The obvious success of the convention indicated that further meetings, marches and efforts may be organized to bring these matters to a favorable conclusion for seniors.

Emma Jean Miller-Curlin

Celebration Time At NC Gardens Seniors

New Community Gardens Seniors, 265 Morris Avenue, celebrated its eighth anniversary on Friday evening, September 8.

Good friends (old and new), lively music, scrumptious food...put them all together and you have one great party!

Anniversaries are always times of remembering and giving thanks. September eighth at Gardens Seniors was no exception. We recalled with fondness those who had been part of our lives and had gone before us.

We are thankful for all that we

have: for our homes, for our good health, and especially for one another.

We are especially appreciative to Edna Gillian whose superb decorations transformed our Community Room into a real showplace; Gerry Prince, our manager, who inspired us with his uplifting music; and most of all for each other and the real companionship, concern and caring that we share.

Here's to our next eight-times-eight years!



Here's to good friends! Celebrating eight years, seniors enjoy music, food, and most of all the company.



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Senior Activity Calendar

Vision Month

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Oct. 16 - NC Douglas, 15 Hill Street, 11 a.m.; Douglass-Harrison, 51 Somerset, 2 p.m.

Oct. 23 - NC Gardens, 265 Morris Avenue, 11 a.m.

Nov. 1 - NC Manor, 545 Orange Street, 11 a.m.; NC Roseville, 1 So. 8th Street, 2 p.m.

Oct. 6 - Van trip to Secaucus Mall, cost 50¢, time 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 8 - Senior Sunday Mass at St. Rose and Brunch following at NC Manor. Mass 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 9 - Columbus Day.

Oct. 10 - NC Senior Advisory Council meeting at 180 So. Orange Avenue, 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 13 - Van Trip - International House Of Pancakes on Route 22. Cost: \$7.50 includes trans., tax, tip, meal. Time 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 18 - NC Advisory Council Trip to Atlantic City, 2:30 p.m. Cost \$10.00.

Oct. 20 - Van Trip - Deep Sea Fishing, \$24.00. Time 5:00 a.m.

Oct. 31 - "Life-Giving Blood Drive" Halloween Party at 545 Orange Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission 1 pint of blood or \$1.00.

Vista Volunteers Have Visitor

VISTA Volunteers, who are in the midst of celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their founding, describe themselves as a community of friends, and a community of support, as well as the obvious community of volunteers.

Charles Mack, the Program Specialist for Region II District III of the ACTION Program, the VISTA

Sponsoring Agency has proven himself to be a friend and supporter of our VISTA program time and time again. Mr. Mack, always on the job visiting, encouraging and supporting the volunteers, oversees the progress of our program and sees to it that goals and objectives are being accomplished.



Mr. Charles Mack, program specialist, spends time with New Community Vista volunteers.

Life Giving Blood Drive

By nature humans are caring and many of us are always eager to help our fellow man. We send money to charities, buy raffle tickets to support organizations or attend rallies to champion a cause.

It seems that as long as help can be given without actually requiring us to give too much blood sweat or tears, the response is great. This is good. But sometimes we are needed to do just a little bit more.

Human blood is a precious commodity which we all have stock in and should actively invest in to avoid a market crash. There are many types of blood — some are more rare than others — and the banks which store blood exist only through fre-

quent deposits.

New Community is built on the idea of caring about and for people. It is made up of a large body of people who either live and/or work in the New Community Network by way of Babyland, St. Rose of Lima, Harmony House, Extended Care, Douglass-Harrison or New Community Corporation.

In further expressing the desire to help people New Community Social Services is sponsoring a "Life-Giving Blood Drive" to be held at New Community Manor Seniors on Tuesday, October 31st from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. — which happens to be Halloween. There will be a party with refreshments and music. Cost of admission (which includes refreshments and ticket for free drawing) is a donation of one (1) pint of blood.

For everyone this is a great event. There will even be a representative from the office of Mayor Sharpe James. There will be pre-registration for employees of the New Community Network so that appointment times may be arranged.

To those who have received blood, or have known someone else whose life depended on receiving blood, there is no need to express the joyous feeling of knowing there was "money" in the bank when it came time for a withdrawal, because someone was caring and wanted to share life.

In being a blood donor there are several advantages...one is that you

★★★★★ All That I Have ★★★★★

The Social Services Staff recently had a contemporary experience of Luke 21: "This poor widow has put in more than any of them; for these have all contributed money they had left over, but she from the little she had has put in all she had to live on."

Last month's CLARION ran a picture of the fence around the playground used by the children with AIDS. If you remember, the gate was

missing, and the need for another one was expressed.

Yesterday one of the NC Senior residents came to our office to give us \$150 — the cost of the gate. She had read the article and wanted to help the babies with AIDS.

The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but we felt you would like to know. This is the charity of which Christ spoke.

Home Furnishings The Ceramic Way

Home furnishings add a personal touch which shows individuality and charm. It can be costly to decorate ones apartment with beautiful lamps, ash trays, plaques or figurines. Sometimes you get tired of seeing so many of the same things in everyone else's apartment and you want something different.

For a nice refreshing change and lots of creativity you should experience the world of ceramics. Working with ceramics presents one with a wonderful opportunity to select

mons, who attends class on Thursdays, started some five years ago doing plain coffee mugs. She is now doing spectacular detail work on canister sets and vases. "I never thought I could do anything as beautiful as this," was her comment upon viewing a completed vase on which she had hand drawn the floral design.

Ceramics is for anyone who has a desire to create. The only handicap is if you don't want to try.

Mrs. Lola Grady, wheels into class every Thursday, when her therapy schedule is open, and finds great enjoyment in working on items varying from small kitchen magnets to large floor vases. This she does while seated in her wheelchair wearing an eye patch after surgery. On Tuesdays, Mrs. Iris Lewis often uses her walker to come from New Community Roseville to Manor Senior to work on one of her many novelty pieces. Examples of her work are displayed throughout her home.

Senior residents outside of New Community are also welcome to attend classes. Three such ladies have done so and have become quite taken with all the possibilities ceramics afford. Mrs. Virginia Fowler, Mrs. Muriel Hammond, and Mrs. Dorothy Brown have become very good friends and have gone on many shopping sprees in search of "unique" finds. To date Mrs. Hammond holds the record for most pieces successfully completed in one year. She has managed to complete more than 100 items after starting with very little experience and doing fantastic detail work and self-experimentation.

If you would like to try ceramics and want to create lovely items for your home or gift-giving, etc., Contact Ms. Joyce Cook at New Community Manor Social Services - 623-6299, for full details on cost and membership. Classes are open to all and men are also encouraged to join.



Virginia Fowler patiently works on intricate pieces.

molded items and "finish" them to meet a specific color scheme or personal taste. Ceramics is inexpensive, fun to do, nerve calming, and for many, a profitable hobby.

New Community Social Services offers ceramic classes on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at New Community Manor, 545 Orange Street, and on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at New Community Associates, 180 South Orange Avenue.

The classes are small, informal, relaxing and very easy. Mrs. Viola Walker of New Community Com-

or your immediate family have established the privilege of drawing blood from the bank at no cost on a one-year account, which can be renewed annually.

Some Facts From North Jersey Blood Center

A. Is it safe to give blood? Yes, as a normal, healthy adult, you have 10-12 pints of blood and can easily share one. Within 24 hours normal supply is replenished.

B. Medical requirements.

—Weigh at least 110 lbs.

—If you take medications other than aspirin, antacids, vitamins, or birth control pills, please call the blood center — 676-4700.

—Plan to eat breakfast and lunch. Avoid fatty food and alcohol.

—If you have had hepatitis you may not give blood.

C. What can I expect?

—Simple and painless.

—Takes under one hour.

—Donation time 10 minutes, during which time you are resting

comfortably.

D. Where does the blood go?

The North Jersey Blood Center, which is conducting the drive, serves hospitals throughout northern New Jersey. After you give, the blood is taken back to Blood Center Headquarters in East Orange where it is thoroughly typed and tested by skilled blood banking technologists to be sure it is safe for transfusion. The blood you donate can be separated into components such as platelets (the clotting factor), red cells, plasma and others, so that it can be used by more than one patient. Your gift of blood can help a child with leukemia, a young woman about to undergo open-heart surgery, a father who depends on a kidney dialysis machine for life. Your blood can mean the life-and-death difference to a teenager in a car wreck. It may or may not be someone you know.

How about it? Join our life-giving blood drive and help a stranger while you do something nice for yourself.

Elizabeth F. Dougherty, D.M.D.

and

Audrey Malone, D.M.D.

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NC Douglas Mardi Gras

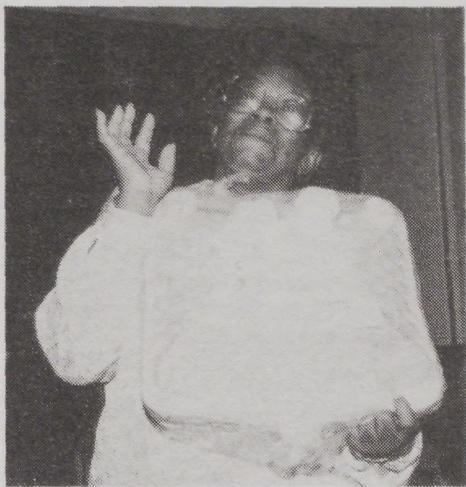
It was not MARDI, certainly none of the revelers were GRAS, the solemn penitential season of Lent was not even close. These facts, plus Hugo the French hurricane which drove the people from outdoors in at mid-day did nothing to dampen the carnival spirit at NC Douglas, 15 Hill Street, on Saturday, September 23, the day of the Mardi Gras there.

Committee members Helen Vaghn, Hattie Watson and Ida Fletcher of the Seniors Advisory Council, Thelma Dawe, Mabel Kearney, Elizabeth Davis, Willa Mae Armstrong and Mae Byrd went to great lengths to make the day a success, and what a success it was!

Tenants, families, friends, and Network members were on hand to lend support. Other NC buildings and complexes were represented along with Madge Wilson of Management and company, Francine Thompson (off-duty Security Officer at 15 Hill Street) and her family, Director of Security Jim DuBose, and Srs. Joan Spingler of Douglass-Harrison and Helene and Carolita of Babyland II.

Delicious fried chicken with all the trimmings sold like...fried chicken dinners. A marvelous array of desserts made choices near impossible. There were hot dogs, soda, balloons, and games galore.

Chances for prizes were very popular — a hand crocheted Miss Piggy stole everyone's heart. Lemira Reese, manager of NC Douglas awarded the prizes with great en-



Someone was happy with her prize, can you tell?

thusiasm. (She herself walked away with two of them!) Flea market tables attracted browsers all day.

Phyllis Wallen, a good friend of Virginia Sheffey, one of the tenants, set toes tapping with her varied repertoire of piano music. There was something to satisfy every taste: jazz, blues, disco, slow, fast — all super!

We even had a double birthday celebration — complete with another cake, of course! Anna Ross and her sister Ida Fletcher celebrated: Ross, on Mardi Gras day, Ms. Fletcher the next.

At the end of the day everyone was tired, but proud and happy as well. The Douglas Fund Raiser for the new NC Promotional Video was a huge success.

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett



Sr. Mary Ellen distributes chances to win the prizes in the drawing.



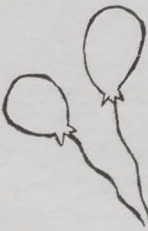
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Ready For New Business

On Tuesday, September 11th, the New Community Senior, Handicapped and Disabled Advisory Council met to begin a new term.

The Council is composed of 3-4 residents of each of the six senior buildings and the Douglass-Harrison Complex. The purpose of the Council is to come together once a month and discuss issues which concern all these sites, to plan group activities and act as a representative voice for the rest of their particular population.

An example of a project undertaken by the Council is the "Bus Fund." The Council wishes to purchase a bus to be used specifically for the seniors, handicapped and disabled. To achieve this they have sponsored fish fries, flea markets and numerous trips to Atlantic City. To date the Council has

raised \$12,561.00 toward their goal of \$30,000 which is half of the estimated cost for a bus. This amount was achieved in a little over a year.

The Council is always active and is seeking new members. The requirements are: (1) a positive attitude, (2) a willingness to work as a group, (3) attendance at meetings and (4) help with fund-raising projects.

New business for the Council will be to invite speakers to their meetings who will provide them with information and assistance in being a more effective group.

If anyone is interested in joining the Council please contact a member in your building or your social worker.

Good luck to the Council. We are looking forward to a productive year.

Joyce Cook



Board members discuss coming year's agenda.

Drug Abuse-Misuse Among The Elderly

Whenever one hears about drug abuse immediately the younger population comes to mind, because this is a widely publicized problem and it is more obvious to the general public.

It seems there is another segment of our society in which this abuse is occurring...that is among our "seasoned" or elderly population. What makes this such a tragic form of abuse is that it is not deliberate.

The abuse occurs when one becomes disoriented and switches doctors either because a friend suggested it or you just did not like the way one doctor made you wait so long, and prescriptions are now being written by two non-conferring doctors and different drugs being dispensed at various pharmacies to the same person for the same or unrelated illnesses.

Recently a situation arose which could very well have been fatal. Upon doing the updates for the Vial of Life (a green bottle which contains a record of one's vital information on health insurance, medications, physicians, allergies and personal contacts), I noticed a client who had been having episodes of extreme depression and varying levels of blood sugar; her vial had been changed three times in one month. The third time, I questioned the fact that three doctors' names appeared on over 24 bottles of medication. Immediately I called and spoke with the primary doctor handling this client and after reading to him all the medications being ingested, learned that there were at least three antibiotics which were conflicting with each other and various other drugs which should not be taken at the same time. From further talking with the client and the doctor it was also learned that this same person had been scheduled to receive a pace-maker by yet a fourth doctor, when this person illustrated

no cause for such an operation. The basis for the pace-maker was a persistent complaint of pain in the chest. This pain turned out to be mental anguish concerning events in this person's family life. This depression was increasing because of the over-medication while not knowing any better.

In a case such as this, who is to blame? The client goes from doctor to doctor and fails to mention that someone else has already prescribed treatment and the type of medication being taken. The physician believes he is the only one you are seeing unless told differently. The pharmacist does not know if someone already has drugs which were dispensed at another pharmacy or how close together the drugs were prescribed.

The patient **must** assume responsibility for making everyone aware of changes in doctors, medications, or reactions experienced as a result of certain medicines. Even family and friends can become instrumental if you transport to doctors' offices, or fill prescriptions, or notice a person's day to day behavior. Changes in behavioral patterns tell a great deal. We notice these changes in the young and immediately act on it; with our elderly population, we see the same changes and call it senility or even believe they have been drinking, when in fact, they may be a call for help.

If you suspect someone may be misusing their medications or notice an over-abundance of medicines with varying pharmacies and doctors, offer to call the doctors to see if they are aware of what is going on. You may also call Senior Citizens Hot Line 622-1977, or Drug Abuse Hot Line (24 hours) 1-800-444-9999 for information in regard to possible over medication.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

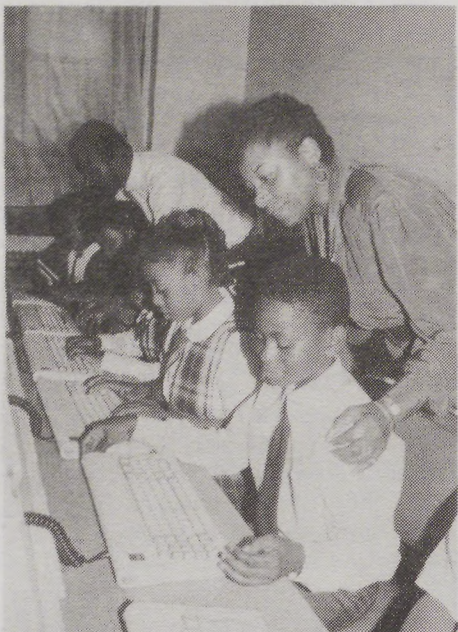
Blue Cross/Blue Shield: A Good Corporate Neighbor

Last year students from St. Rose School traveled to NJIT and Essex County College for computer education programs, and used the information on four computers located at the school. With so few computers however, students did not have as much time as they could have to learn their lessons thoroughly.

When Mr. D. Franklin Taylor, senior vice-president of Blue-Cross/Blue-Shield who is on the St. Rose School Board heard that the Medix Division of his company was getting new computers and selling the old ones which were in excellent condition, he saw a possible solution.

With the help of Ms. Faye Gregory-Yuppa from Blue Cross he was able to convince the company to give ten of the computers to St. Rose School for student use.

Not only did they donate the computers, but volunteers are coming from Blue-Cross and Essex County College to install them.



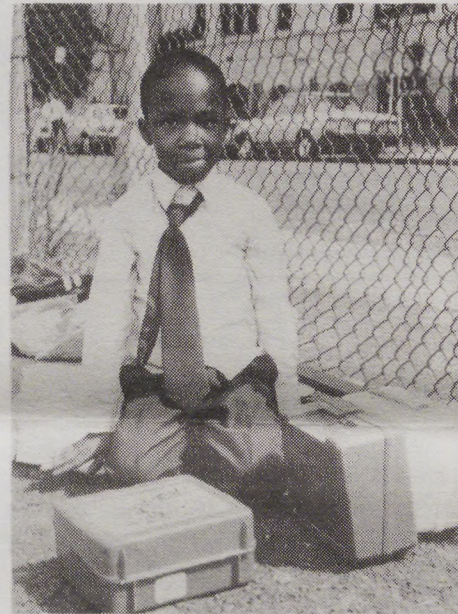
Emily Ross says, "Let's pretend — but they'll soon be working."

What a wonderful example of a good corporate neighbor!

St. Rose School Off To A Banner Year!



Where are the rest?



You caught me.



Lined up and ready.



St. Rose parents take school seriously.

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Babyland Summer Program Has Good Memories

It's hard to believe, but another summer has already passed us by. Well, those of us who spent some time at Babyland's Summer Program have many warm, happy memories to carry us through the coming cold winter.

I remember all those hot, sticky days when we cooled off in the lakes at Stokes State Forest or Spruce Run. The green trees, sparkling sand and refreshing water really impressed us

with nature's beauty.

We also attended shows at Symphony Hall, visited the zoo, went hiking at Eagle Rock, played marathon baseball games, worked out at New Beginnings Spa, programmed computers...we were busy!

Yes, we had a lot of good times. The B-B-Q's, Crabfest, dancing, music were all a lot of fun. But what was most special was the people. Staff and children got along so well that we became like family; learning to enjoy not just the activities but something as simple as being with good friends.

Hope to see you next year!

The Babyland Summer Staff



Babyland Summer Program children enjoyed another healthy summer outdoors.

You've Got To Pay The Fare To Ride

A fare is a price charged to move a person or a thing. When one wants to move from where they are to where they would like to be, quite often there is a fare involved. The fare may be requested before the journey is to be made and in the manner and form suggested by the transporter.

There may be occasions where one would like to go to a certain destination without inclination to pay. In these instances, drivers are prone to point out that to refrain from paying the fare is considered 'theft-of-service,' which is punishable by law usually by a fine far exceeding the price of the fare. Where one does not have the appropriate fare it might be more feasible physically to wait until one has it, or employ an alternate relationship.

Although drivers are perennially courteous and imbued with an affable disposition, they are also endowed with the fiduciary responsibility of representing their company in pecuniary matters relating to compensation for mobile services which they take most seriously. There is a cliché, "who pays the fiddler calls the tune;" there is another one more factual, "who pays the fare gets the ride;" axiomatically, and most pragmatic, "who does not pay the fare don't get to ride."

Buses have signs, in bold letters, projecting their destinations or

routes, yet the inattentive will hold up a bus to ask the driver if his bus is going some place else. One wonders about the reading ability or concentration of these inattentive citizens. On the inside, over the windshield, for the benefit of slow or poor readers, are pictures regulating conduct with respect to the rights of fellow passengers. The fare entitles one to enter the conveyance and sit where there is a seat available. It does not entitle one to conviviality: food, drink, or musical accompaniment. Such 'no-nos' may influence the driver-agent to make an undesignated stop and eject the celebrant.

Sometimes one is not willing to pay the fare as it was with the 'rich young ruler' who felt the fare was too great for him. He was left behind in oblivion. One doesn't get something for nothing; there is always a price to pay whether you pay it or someone else pays it for you. The fare will be paid.

Saul of Tarsus, later became Paul, paid the fare and became the greatest of Christian Missionaries. But most of all, at the hill of Golgotha, on the Cross, Jesus Christ paid the fare for all of us so that we could ride to a new life unencumbered by sin.

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
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